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Gunman opens fire in store

SHOOTING Police are looking for a gunman after a bold daytime shooting on Sackville Drive on Thursday.

According to Halifax RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tamu Bracken, a man with a bandana or shirt covering his face entered Catch a Look Clothing Barber Shop just after 3 p.m., and got into an argument with a patron.

The man proceeded to pull out a gun and shots were fired. The man then fled the area in a red four-door vehicle. Six people were in the store at the time. No one was injured.

RCMP are looking for both the gunman and the patron, who left the store shortly after the incident.

This is the seventh shooting in HRM in the past 17 days. **METRO HALIFAX**



Independent Nova Scotia MLA Trevor Zinck sits in the legislature Thursday. Zinck, who was recently suspended from the governing NDP caucus, maintained his silence on an allegation he used a disabled man's credit card to pay for online gambling.

Zinck saying little

MLA returns to legislature, dodges questions about gambling controversy

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Trevor Zinck's first public appearance in a week started with an apparent magic trick and ended with a testy media scrum.

Zinck released a statement Thursday morning to say he would show up at the Nova Scotia legislature for the first time since allegations surfaced of him racking up thousands of dollars of gambling debt on a disabled constituent's credit card.

However Zinck said he would not speak on the is-

sue until a press conference next week when his lawyer, Dale Dunlop, is back from Toronto.

Reporters gathered at the legislature to question him anyway.

After a sweep of the building they waited outside the entrance to the chamber with no sign of Zinck. Then, suddenly, the independent MLA for Dartmouth North appeared in his seat inside the chamber. No one's sure how he pulled that off, though Zinck later told Metro he had been working in a back room.

Zinck respectfully declined a series of notes from

journalists requesting he come out to answer questions or simply read his statement aloud.

But he eventually did step out of the chamber and was surrounded by reporters.

He said he would not resign from the legislature, but would otherwise not respond to the credit card allegations from Scott Marshall, a paraplegic with cerebral palsy.

Zinck, who was recently ousted from the NDP caucus over what the party claims is numerous cases of him being reimbursed for unpaid bills, said the whole story will come out next

week. He also said he's still working for his constituents.

"I've been doing the work of the constituency in my office. I've been in my office every morning (at) six o'clock in the morning," he said.

When a Chronicle-Herald reporter checked a day earlier, Zinck's assistant had said via phone he hadn't been in his office all day.

Zinck accused the paper of inaccuracies.

"You made some comments that I will be addressing with your editor in regards to my assistant being unpaid," he said.

Marshall denies gambling with MLA

POKER Trevor Zinck told a confidant that he and Scott Marshall played online poker together and they accumulated thousands of dollars of credit card debt, a source tells Metro.

Marshall, who has cerebral palsy, accused the Dartmouth North MLA last week of racking up \$10,000 of gambling debt on his credit card, without his knowledge.

One person who knows Zinck but wished to remain anonymous told Metro that Zinck explained to him the allegations by saying he and Marshall played online poker together for years and split the winnings.

Zinck would neither confirm nor deny that version Thursday, saying: "This is all going to come out next week, that's all I can tell you. There's so much more to this story and you'll hear it all next week."

Marshall denied gambling with Zinck. He said he often hung out at the MLA's house when Zinck played online poker, but only played it himself briefly when Zinck went to the bathroom.

Marshall said they never played on his own credit card, nor did they share winnings. He said he never plays online poker himself.

"This is the first I've ever heard of it," Marshall told Metro. "I don't even own a computer."

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Simon and Garfunkel tix still available

Tickets for Simon and Garfunkel's two Halifax appearances went on sale Thursday, and according to World Trade and Convention Centre spokeswoman Fiona Kirkpatrick-Parsons, they were selling "briskly," but seats are still available. Tickets for the May 17 and 18 concerts are \$160.50 each for floor and lower-bowl seating, and \$110.50 for upper bowl. Tickets are available through all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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Black Eyed Peas bringing phunk to Common

Band headlining July 24 show

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

It will be a departure from older, classic rock groups that have played on the Halifax Common in recent years.

But Harold McKay of Power Promotional Concepts said while he doesn't expect quite the same numbers for the Black Eyed Peas as the roughly 40,000 fans Sir Paul McCartney pulled in last summer, he expects the hip-hop group will have a strong showing as headliners for the Saturday, July 24 portion of Halifax Rocks 2010.

"The Black Eyed Peas are probably one of the most current popular hip-hop rock bands in the world," McKay said in announcing Halifax Rocks 2010 on Thursday, which also includes a yet-to-be-named lineup of artists for the night of July 23.

"They're the Paul McCartney — in his heyday, that was what he was like. I don't anticipate probably the same numbers as McCartney, but you never know."

The Peas will be joined at

Ticket info

- General-admission tickets for the July 24 portion of Halifax Rocks 2010 go on sale April 16 at a cost of \$109, including service charges. The "early-bird" tickets are available until May 17 through all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.
- VIP tickets also go on sale April 16 at a cost of \$199, including service charges.

the Common on July 24 by Weezer, indie-rock icons that first rose to prominence with 1994's The Blue Album. McKay admitted the bands are quite different, but thinks fans of either will have a good time.

"I think the Weezer fans will enjoy Black Eyed Peas," he said.

"The Black Eyed Peas put on a fantastic show live. And I think that anybody that's a Weezer fan will go and enjoy."

McKay also said he received an interesting response when he floated Weezer as an opening act to the Peas' management.

"It was funny. The Black Eyed Peas, being the headliner, has to approve Weezer ... When I sent that in, I did get a little stumble," he said.

"(But) they see the interest that people have in Weezer, and they're very



Will.i.am, left, Fergie and Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas, seen here performing at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 24 in New York City, will be the main draw for the July 24 portion of Halifax Rocks.

entertaining, and they jumped on it very quickly, so I had them on board."

Classified

Also announced for the July 24 show was Enfield's Juno Award-nominated rapper and producer Classified, whose real name is Luke Boyd, launched onto the national stage with 2005's Boy-Cott-In the Industry. His most recent offering, Self Explanatory, features the hit single Oh Canada.



Vocalist Rivers Cuomo, seen here performing at the SIRIUS XM Studio on Oct. 27 in New York City, and his bandmates from Weezer will open the July 24 show for the Black Eyed Peas.

Organizers changing up festival layout for Halifax Rocks

SITE The layout for this July's Halifax Rocks festival will be slightly different than last year's Paul McCartney and Kiss concerts.

The biggest change will be the stage's positioning. Harkening back to the 2006

Rolling Stones concert, the stage will be located on the south side of the Common, with the back of the stage facing the Citadel.

"We had our country show (on that side) in 2008. We liked it there, I prefer to

be there," promoter Harold McKay said. "Also, it will prevent people from seeing it on the hill for free."

Lawn chairs will be allowed on site, with the general-admission seating area located behind the general-

admission standing room. A VIP seating section will be located to the stage's left.

According to McKay, the setup will accommodate up to 40,000 people.

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FOR METRO HALIFAX

1st night for rock lovers: Promoter

MYSTERY So we now know the Black Eyed Peas will headline the second of two nights for Halifax Rocks 2010.

The question that still needs answering, however, is the lineup for the first show on the Halifax Common on July 23.

Whisperings of Bob Dylan and John Cougar Mellencamp abound as the headliners for the first concert, but concert promoter Harold McKay wouldn't make any confirmations.

He said the artists would be announced in the coming weeks.

McKay did say most of the potential acts for the July 23 concert haven't played in Halifax before, and are "very excited" about the possibility. This may rule out Dylan, who has played in Halifax twice.

McKay told reporters the July 23 concert would be a rock show and cater to a somewhat different crowd.

"It's rock 'n' roll. Probably a little older demographic than the Black Eyed Peas," he said.

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The Access Nova Scotia Centre in Halifax is moving. Located at West End Mall, the centre is relocating to 300 Horseshoe Dr. in Bayers Lake effective Oct. 1. The province said the move is necessary because the current lease is expiring and the landlord is choosing not to re-offer. **METRO HALIFAX**

Green issues on back burner in province's new budget: EAC

SPENDING The Ecology Action Centre said in a release Thursday instead of raising the HST by two percentage points, the province could have brought in money by making greener changes to its budget.

The EAC has recommended cost-cutting measures such as putting a halt to building new roads and cutting back on government energy use. "We are dismayed that the province is willing to spend \$107 million on new roads when we can't even afford to maintain existing roads," EAC transportation co-ordinator Jen Powley said in a release.

In 2007, the government introduced the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act that the EAC said was designed to make Nova Scotia one of the cleanest and greenest jurisdictions in the world. They argue that isn't happening with this budget.

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News in brief

WEAPONS Four Halifax men are facing charges of possession of a prohibited weapon after police say they were in possession of bear spray on Robie Street on Wednesday night. Halifax Regional Police say officer conducted a routine traffic stop when the car was discovered and all four male occupants were arrested and later released. Two of the men also face charges of breach of recognizance.

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All emergency rooms needed: Doc

Review of rural departments finds more than just medical impact on communities

A doctor who looked into Nova Scotia's troubled emergency room system says all small emergency rooms across the province should remain open.

Although Dr. John Ross says five of the emergency rooms are frequently empty all night — averaging under one patient during the overnight hours — he believes all 38 emergency care wards are still needed.

"Am I going to recommend to the minister that we close any emergency department in Nova Scotia? My short answer to that is 'No,'" he said after his 24-page interim report was released Thursday.

Final recommendations are expected in a report that will be completed this summer.

Ross was hired by the NDP government as the

provincial adviser on emergency medical care after mounting public frustration over frequent closures of rural emergency rooms and overcrowding in the province's largest emergency departments.

The NDP promised to keep emergency departments open during last summer's election campaign.

Ross said more money won't fix the problem.

"I'm a taxpayer and I want to be fiscally responsible," he said.

However, he also said his final report won't call for a centralized system or the closing of emergency rooms in small towns.

"What I have learned so far is that the emergency departments and emergency centres that I've gone to play a really vital



A couple walks in the emergency room at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax yesterday.

role in each one of the communities," he said at a news conference.

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tem has to use medical staff besides doctors and nurses — paramedics, licensed practical nurses and physicians' assistants — to reduce the workload emergency staff can experience.

He argued that creating common standards of care will assist in making smart choices on where to send patients, and who should treat them.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFIB blasts Steele's comments on its reaction to HST hike

BUDGET The Canadian Federation of Independent Business fired back at Finance Minister Graham Steele for his comments Wednesday regarding the CFIB's opinion on the HST increase.

The CFIB, which represents over 2,500 business members in Nova Scotia, was upset by Steele's comments directed towards its group for the harsh criticisms of the HST increase that came in Tuesday's budget.

Steele said "nothing seems to be good enough for them" in regards to

previous statements by the CFIB and that they "seem to want us to slash public services."

"No one is buying your message that Nova Scotians support an HST increase," Judith Andrew, CFIB's acting vice-president of Atlantic Canada, responded in an open letter sent to media Thursday.

She also wrote in the letter that the federation didn't call for "slashing public services" in health and education, but were looking for a slowing of the rate of growth of expenditures.

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McNeil skips budget debate for date with Tiger

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POLITICS As budget debate begins, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil will be scoping out Tiger Woods.

McNeil, who criticized Premier Darrell Dexter when he went on vacation during the expense scandal, is travelling to Augusta,

Ga. for the Masters.

Liberal MLA Manning MacDonald said the caucus has no problem with McNeil leaving during the session. He said the trip was planned with his son — an avid golfer — months ago and "family — comes first."

Dexter struggled to hold



Stephen McNeil

back a smile when told of McNeil's location. But he refused to criticize the Liberal leader, saying it's up to each individual to speak to their attendance.

"At the Masters?" said Dexter. "Well, I'm not going to criticize others' vacation choices."

Police chase down driver who avoided checkpoint

CHASE Police say they were led on a dangerous pursuit through Dartmouth early Thursday morning after the driver of a red pickup truck attempted to evade a RCMP checkpoint.

Halifax RCMP were conducting a vehicle checkpoint on Highway 7 in Westphal just after 1 a.m.

when they noticed a truck trying to avoid the checkpoint. Police say the driver refused to stop, and led police on a chase through Cherry Brook, Highway 107 and East Preston.

Police say they deployed a spike belt in East Preston to disable the vehicle, but the driver fled on foot.

RCMP quickly located the man, and say they were forced to use pepper spray when he resisted arrest.

Police say a 41-year-old man has been charged with impaired driving, refusing the breathalyzer, resisting arrest and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

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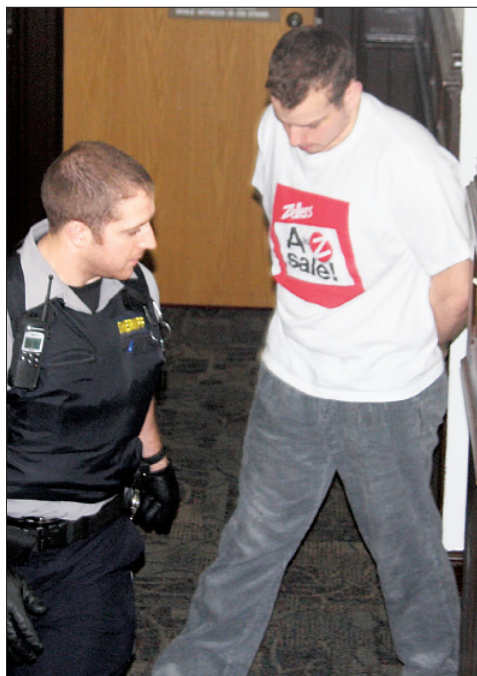
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Motorcyclist arrested after allegedly failing to stop for police

Police say the driver of a motorcycle failed to stop for officers Thursday afternoon and it led to a female passenger falling from the bike. Police say the incident began around the Armdale Rotary and a 31-year-old man was later arrested by police. The female passenger wasn't injured. **METRO HALIFAX**



Andrew Norman Wilson, a 21-year-old from Edmonton, is brought into Halifax provincial court on Tuesday. Wilson is facing a number of charges after an incident at a Halifax hotel last weekend.

Sex assault case hearing delayed again

Suspect in hotel incident set to appear in court on Friday

SHELBY MCDONALD
for Metro Halifax

An Edmonton man accused of sexually assaulting a woman last weekend in a downtown Halifax hotel showed no emotion as the judge announced his arraignment hearing had been held over for the second time this week.

Andrew Norman Wilson, 21, first appeared in Halifax provincial court on Tuesday on charges of sexual assault, aggravated assault, forcible confinement, choking and unlawfully entering a dwelling in the alleged incident at the Four Points Sheraton on Hollis Street early Saturday morning.

But during Tuesday's appearance that lasted under a minute, the judge agreed to push Wilson's arraignment hearing over until Thursday. After another brief court appearance Thursday afternoon, his arraignment has now been re-scheduled for Friday.

Police say an American couple had just checked into the hotel when the

woman left to get something from a vending machine.

It was then, police say the woman was confronted by a man who began sexually assaulting her.

In an effort to escape, police say the woman convinced the man to take her back to her room, where she yelled for her husband.

Police say the assailant then began assaulting the husband, while the woman went to the front desk for help.

Officers arrived on scene and after conducting a search of the hotel, police say the suspect was found in the hallway on the fourth floor.

He was arrested without incident and is being remanded at the Burnside jail.

Police say the female victim wasn't injured, but was shaken from the ordeal. Her husband suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Wilson, a military engineer stationed at CFB Edmonton, sported a black t-shirt and green sweat pants Thursday and never said a word while in court.

Titanic memorial set for next week

ANNIVERSARY The U.S. Coast Guard will hold a memorial ceremony in Halifax next Thursday, marking 98 years since the Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage.

The service will take place at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where 121 victims who were aboard the ill-fated luxury liner are buried.

More than 1,500 crew and passengers died when

Ice patrol

The coast guard says its ice patrol was created as a result of the Titanic tragedy, and that

no vessel heeding its warnings has collided with an iceberg since it was established.

the so-called unsinkable ship went down on April 15, 1912, after striking an iceberg southeast of Newfoundland.

The ceremony will be hosted by the coast guard's international ice patrol, which monitors

iceberg danger near the Grand Banks.

Flowers will be laid at the gravesite of an unknown child and three wreaths will be dedicated and later tossed in the ocean from a coast guard aircraft. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

DRUG CHARGES A Halifax couple is facing drug charges after a search at a residence on Torrington Drive. Members of the Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP Integrated Drug Unit conducted a search Wednesday night with police alleging a marijuana grow operation, a large amount of marijuana plants and drug paraphernalia were found. The couple is being charged with production and trafficking and may face further charges related to power theft, say police.

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City hall to get poppy treatment

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Halifax City Hall will have its windows decorated with poppies Friday in honour of Vimy Ridge Day.

Canada's last-known veteran of the First World War, John (Jack) Babcock, died in February and it was his wish the country honour all First World War veterans, instead of just one, after his passing.

This led to the federal government creating Vimy Ridge Day, and the use of poppies to honour First World War veterans.

Friday is the 93rd anniversary of the capture of Vimy Ridge and the pop-

pies are to pay tribute to "The end of an era," according to an HRM release.

Official ceremonies will be held in Ottawa and the rest of the country, with Halifax's ceremony taking place at Grand Parade on Friday at 11 a.m.

"It is an honour to take a moment to thank and salute such an incredible generation of military heroes."

Mayor Peter Kelly

"It is an honour to take a moment to thank and salute such an incredible generation of military heroes," Mayor Peter Kelly said in a release.

West Nova MP Greg Kerr, who is the parliamentary secretary to the minister of Veterans Affairs, will also be at Friday's ceremony in Halifax, along with veterans and Canadian Forces mem-

Family homeless after blaze engulfs Trenton residence

FIRE Four people were left homeless after fire destroyed a two-storey home in Trenton near New Glasgow on Thursday morning.

A woman required hospital treatment from smoke inhalation after a fire at 17 Brook Street in Trenton broke out.

According to the Canadian Red Cross, fire claimed the life of the family's dog.

The woman's husband was at work at the time of the fire and the two chil-

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children were at school.

This is the second fire in as many days in the New Glasgow area.

On Wednesday, seven people were left homeless after fire gutted a large house divided into five apartments.

Also Wednesday, a family of four lost their home to fire along Route 3 northeast of Lockport.

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Smoking laws may be working: Study

CIGARETTES A survey from Smoke-Free Nova Scotia claims tough laws on lighting up is curbing the habit for some Bridgewater residents.

Bridgewater's Protection from Second-Hand Smoke bylaw that took effect in September 2008 applies to most town property such as parks, playgrounds and sports fields.

Due to this regulation —

the first of the kind in the province — the survey says 12 per cent of people in Bridgewater are now trying to quit and one in three people who smoke say they now smoke less around children.

Smoke-Free Nova Scotia is a coalition of health groups across the province who are committed to a tobacco-free province.

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The strong Canadian dollar has immigrants across Canada heading to banks and remittance companies to send money to their families overseas. The loonie reached parity with the U.S. dollar earlier this week. It retreated a bit since then but still stood at 99.79 cents US on Thursday morning. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Anti-abortion activist gets jail

An anti-abortion crusader in New Brunswick has been sentenced to 66 days in jail for refusing to pay fines stemming from a 2007 conviction for failing to file his tax returns. David Little said in provincial court Thursday that he will never file another tax return as long as there is tax-funded abortion in Canada, and won't pay the \$3,000 in fines for failing to file returns for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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Report links mental illness, addiction

HEALTH People with both mental illness and an addiction would benefit from a pulling together of services to treat and care for them, suggests a report that calls for a national approach to the problem. The report released by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse shows more than half of the people who seek help for addiction also have a mental illness.

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PMO rejects Jaffer access claim

The Prime Minister's Office is rejecting any suggestion that troubled former MP Rahim Jaffer might have had special access to the halls of power.

A feature story in The Toronto Star quoted an associate of Jaffer's telling business friends that the ex-politician could open doors for them.

The story also says Jaffer still handed out cards listing himself as an MP even after he had lost his seat in

the 2008 election.

Jaffer's own website speaks of his expertise in securing support from the Canadian government for the energy company he helped fund.

The website also features a photo of Jaffer him standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

A spokesman for Harper said the suggestion Jaffer



Rahim Jaffer

had any special access is false and absurd. Other Conservatives also told The Canadian Press that there was no way Jaffer could have exerted any influence in Ottawa, as he was not a favourite of Harper's after the 2008 election.

Jaffer had lost his Edmonton seat to the NDP, a disappointment to the Conservatives who had

hoped for a clean sweep of the province. Jaffer pleaded guilty earlier this year to careless driving, following an incident last year in which he was initially charged with speeding, drunk driving and possession of cocaine.

The Toronto Star reported that Jaffer had been drinking with friends that evening, and had driven

home in the car of his wife and junior cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

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PQ leader Pauline Marois may provoke Ottawa's ire with visit to Haiti.

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Murder conviction restored in Alberta teen's sex slaying

COURTS Canada's top court has ruled against two men convicted of the sex slaying of a young Edmonton teen.

The Supreme Court of Canada judges ruled unanimously in both cases relating to the death of 13-year-old Nina Courtepatte.

They restored the first-degree murder conviction of Joseph (Snowman) Laboucan, 23, and dismissed an appeal by Michael Briscoe, 38, ordering him to face a new trial. Laboucan and Briscoe were originally tried jointly.



Nina Courtepatte

Courtepatte was lured to a secluded golf course in Edmonton, where she was raped and killed in April 2005.

At trial two years later, Laboucan was convicted of first-degree murder, but Alberta's appeal court overturned that conviction.

Briscoe was found not guilty of first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault, but the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned his acquittal and ordered a new trial.

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Vancouver Windy city



A woman takes a closer look at a sailboat that was blown off anchor and swept ashore at Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver on Thursday. Heavy overnight winds, reaching as fast as 100 kilometres per hour dragged at least five boats onto the beach.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

MacKay takes Afghanistan leader to task over remarks

POLITICS Defence Minister Peter MacKay reinforced Ottawa's dismay with Hamid Karzai's Taliban musings in face-to-face meetings Thursday with senior members of the Afghan president's cabinet. Even as he expressed his frustration to Afghanistan's defence and interior ministers, however, MacKay pledged an additional 90 Canadian soldiers and civilians to help train soldiers and police. "We took every opportunity with Afghan ministers and Afghan officials to express Canada's disappointment," MacKay said.

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Sex offenders off the hook?

New rules may stymie searches

Some churches and volunteer groups have stopped screening for potential pardoned sex offenders such as Graham James due to tightened rules on police database searches.

Stricter enforcement of privacy around criminal records has made it far more cumbersome for society to weed out volunteers and employees who should not be working with the vulnerable.

The RCMP, which administers the national criminal records database, reined in access in a little-noticed move last December.

The criminal screening issue is getting widespread attention due to revelations that James — a former junior hockey coach who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting two players and now faces allegations from others — was pardoned in 2007.

"The system is actually

broken at this point in time, there's no other way to basically describe it," said Dannie Wilson, president of the Canadian Association of Professional Background Screeners.

"The system was working exceptionally well ... The RCMP, in their wisdom, I guess decided that somebody was doing something wrong out there."

"The system is actually broken at this point in time."

Dannie Wilson

Roger Wingfield, vice-president and general manager of Toronto-based Brokerforce Insurance Inc., says 1,000 churches his

company insures are in limbo.

"We've got people who are going to shut down their ministries and doing the (volunteer) work because they can't get proper screening," said Wingfield.

"Or they're going to use people who may have some problems."

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Wizard show **The Weasleys cast a spell in Canada**



Hogwarts has landed at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Here, actors James and Oliver Phelps, who have played Fred and George Weasley, open the Harry Potter exhibit. It features 200 costumes, props and artifacts from the Potter movies.

Big push on for the tax Harper hates

FINANCE Canadians will hear a lot more about the need for a global tax on financial transactions.

A grassroots campaign in favour of the transaction tax has spread quickly throughout Europe.

Now, the labour movement is bringing the cause

in serious way to Canada in the hopes of influencing the G20 summit in Toronto at the end of June.

The goal is to have G20 governments agree to a minuscule tax on every trade in stocks, bonds, currencies and derivatives.

The proceeds would be

put in a global fund directed at poor countries or climate change.

The tax would also encourage traders to think twice before engaging in reckless behaviour.

"We want to make the case for it because we think the case is extraordi-

narily strong," said Guy Ryder, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper — who is in charge of the G20 agenda — has refused to entertain such a notion.

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Cleric faces abuse claim

LAWSUIT A former bishop facing child pornography charges in Ontario is being accused in a lawsuit of sexually abusing a former resident of Mount Cashel orphanage in St. John's, N.L.

A statement of claim filed in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and

Labrador accuses Raymond Lahey of simulated anal intercourse and fondling.

The civil lawsuit filed by Todd Boland says he was a young boy in 1982 when he first met Lahey, who was a pastoral priest, at the Mount Cashel orphanage.

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News in brief

DISASTER The U.S. Coast Guard will hold a memorial ceremony in Halifax next Thursday, marking 98 years since the Titanic sank in the North Atlantic. The service will take place at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, where 121 victims are buried. More than 1,500 crew and passengers died.

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Sex Pistols' manager dead at 64

The British agent for former Sex Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren says the music impresario has died in New York. He was 64. Les Molloy says McLaren had been suffering from cancer for some time and died Thursday. The multi-talented McLaren rose to fame as the colourful manager of seminal punk band The Sex Pistols.

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A 67-year-old California man who spent six years in prison for marijuana trafficking in the 1980s will spend six months in prison for selling a male prosthetic that helped men cheat on drug tests. George Willis sold a product called the Whizzinator along with a synthetic urine that could be used to fill the device. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Horror case takes bizarre twist

NEW JERSEY A horrifying case — a gang rape of a seven-year-old allegedly sold by her teenage step-sister to armed men — grew more bizarre when the girl's stepfather showed up outside a courthouse Thursday to say that three of the five accused men had actually tried to help the girl.

He was summoned to the courthouse by family members of the suspects, who have his phone number on speed dial, a seemingly strange alliance amid a crime that has inflamed the poor community of Trenton.

"These three had nothing to do with nothing; I don't know why they locked them up," the stepfather said of Gregory Leary, 20; Timear Lewis, 19; and a 17-year-old whom authorities have not identified because of his age.

In all, five men and boys have been arrested on suspicion of raping the girl. The other suspects are ages 13 and 14. The 15-year-old stepsister also has been charged with promoting prostitution.

Police say there is DNA evidence of the crime, but the prosecution may hinge on the word of a little girl, her troubled step-sister and the other men and boys who watched the crime.

According to police, the seven-year-old was prostituted out by her 15-year-old stepsister, who watched as she was raped by as many as seven men and boys at a party on March 28. As many as a dozen people were at the party, held in a vacant apartment in the crime-plagued public housing complex not far from the New Jersey capitol.

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TV producer detained in wife's death

Pimp My Ride and former Survivor producer Bruce Beresford-Redman was detained Thursday as a suspect in his wife's death days after reporting her missing in the resort city of Cancun, a Mexican official said.

The body of Monica Beresford-Redman was found Thursday in a sewer at the swanky Moon Palace resort where the family

was on vacation, according to Bello Rodriguez, the outgoing attorney general for Quintana Roo state, where Cancun is located.

Rodriguez said a security guard at the hotel saw the couple arguing Monday night and said Beresford-Redman tried to hit her.

Beresford-Redman had scratches on his neck and officials were conducting toxicology tests to deter-

mine whether he had consumed drugs, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez had left office later Thursday and his successor, Francisco Alor, said he would describe Beresford-Redman as a "person of interest" rather than a suspect, adding that several people in the hotel heard an argument in the couple's room Monday night.

"He's the initial focus of the investigation based on their alleged turbulent relationship," Alor said by phone from the state capital of Chetumal.

The cause of death has not been determined.

Beresford-Redman was nominated for three Emmys for his work on Survivor, the long-running reality TV competition.

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Bruce and Monica Beresford-Redman

India Fire destroys community



A woman cries while standing at the site where her house used to be, after a fire at a slum area in Ghazipur, near New Delhi, Thursday. The fire was reportedly started after a power transmission line fell, and the fire ravaged through about 600 dwellings, but no casualties were reported.

Thai government shuts down media outlets

UNREST Thailand's beleaguered government shut down a satellite television station and websites of anti-government demonstrators Thursday after declaring a state of emergency, then issued arrest warrants for protest leaders accused of storming parliament.

The defiant "Red Shirts," attempting to drive Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva from office and force new elections, planned another mass rally Friday despite the emergency order that empowers the military to move against large gatherings.

Abhisit cancelled a trip to Vietnam on Thursday to attend a summit of Southeast Asian leaders as he groped for ways to resolve the monthlong crisis without use of armed force.

"What the government wants is peace and happiness," Abhisit said in televised remarks late Thursday, explaining that the government had clamped down on opposition media that were "manipulating information that is creating hate."

He said that arrest warrants had been issued for seven protest leaders accused of briefly forcing their way into the Parliament compound on Wednesday.

The confrontation is part

Web censored

• At least 36 websites connected to the opposition were banned, including content from a Twitter page and YouTube. By Thursday evening most of the sites could not be accessed.

of a long-running battle between the mostly poor and rural supporters of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by a 2006 military coup, and those who oppose him. Thaksin was accused of corruption and showing disrespect to the country's revered monarch.

Appearing on television, Government spokesman Panitan Wattanayagorn broke into English to apologize to foreign tourists and expatriates for any inconvenience from the recent events. For the past week, several of the city's plush shopping malls have been shut and upscale hotels in the same district left under virtual siege.

A protest leader, Nat-tawut Saikua, told followers that a media blackout "is just the first step for the government to clamp down on us tomorrow morning. If this is so, we're going to raise our protest to the maximum level."

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News in brief

CENTRAL ASIA Kyrgyzstan President Kurmanbek Bakiyev declared from hiding Thursday that he would not surrender to a violent uprising that put the opposition in control of much of the country, home to a U.S. air base key to the war in nearby Afghanistan. The opposition has seized vital official buildings in the capital of Bishkek and elsewhere and was giving orders to at least

some security forces, declaring it controlled four of the nation's seven provinces. Opposition leader Roza Otunbayeva said parliament had been dissolved and she would head an interim government that would rule for six months until elections were held. She urged Bakiyev to resign.

PAKISTAN The lower house of parliament unanimously

approved a constitutional amendment Thursday that strips the president of powers inherited from the country's former military ruler, a key step in implementing a long-standing opposition demand that could reduce pressure on the U.S.-allied leader. The opposition had criticized Asif Ali Zardari for dragging his feet on relinquishing the powers.

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Comment

Proposed centre cloaked in secrecy

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Frankly, I'm not sure what I think of the controversy over whether to build a new convention centre in downtown Halifax.

Those who support it claim that, during the past three years, we've lost 70 conventions, and the eco-

nomics benefits they bring, because the current World Trade and Convention Centre is too small to attract the kind of conventions we need.

Conventions, proponents argue, are tourism magnets. "You're bringing hundreds of thousands of people into the market," Trade Centre president Scott Ferguson told The Coast last week, for example. "They spend three times more than the average tourist does... They stay and they travel the province and they go back and they talk about what a wonderful place Halifax is, and they come back again."

But the proposed 120,000-square-foot complex on the former sites of the Halifax Herald and Midtown Tavern, which would also include an 18-storey hotel and 14-storey office tower, will require at least \$100 million from taxpayers.

Forget for the moment the predictable complaints from those who worry the project's twin towers will block iconic views from Citadel Hill. As important as that debate may be, let's save it for another day and simply look at the proposal on its business merits.

Uh... The problem is that we

can't.

We're told there have been four consultants' reports that all say the proposal makes sense. But we can't see the details, or the devil in them. Before they were released in response to a freedom of information request from convention centre opponents, officials blacked out virtually every page, certainly every important piece of information, from each one of the reports.

And what about those 70 conventions supporters claim we "lost" in the last three years? Bev Miller of the Peninsula South Com-

munity Association, a convention centre opponent, questions those numbers. Toronto's Convention Centre only hosts a total of about 60 conventions a year, she points out. "Simple arithmetic" suggests Halifax's dramatic lost-conventions claim is "very unlikely."

We've been down this road before.

Remember the Commonwealth Games fiasco?

How about the MLA expenses scandal?

Secrecy usually means you're doing something you don't want people to know about.

Mayor Peter Kelly calls supporting the convention centre a "no brainer."

"We need to not lose focus and make sure the place gets built," he told Metro last month.

There may indeed be a solid business case for investing \$100 million of taxpayers' dollars in a new convention centre. But it's not good enough to say, Trust us. Show us the numbers. Be transparent.

And let us be the judge of what makes sense.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

Views

Credit score falling? Insurance rates may rise

Marketplace



When Dave Frederick's home insurance premium came up for renewal, he got a nasty surprise. The new rate on his Blenheim, Ont., home almost doubled, so he set out to find out why. You might be surprised by what he discovered.

Like many Canadians, Frederick lost his job in the recession. He's recent-

ly had to declare bankruptcy, but has managed to hold onto his house. He says he's never missed an insurance payment. When he asked his insurance company why his rate hike was so high, they told him they now factor in your credit score when determining your premium.

Plenty of Canadian insurance companies have started using credit scores to help set your rates, saying the lower your score, the more likely you are to make claims. Just say you lose your job, you might hold off on fixing your roof. There's a bad storm, and your roof leaks.

You're more likely to make a claim.

Frederick says it doesn't make sense. "I'm not going to start making claims because I'm unemployed. I mean it makes me no money."

It doesn't make sense to most people. A Marketplace poll conducted by Vision Critical found 87 per cent of Canadians don't think insurance companies should be using credit scores. About the same number polled didn't know insurance companies were checking them out.

So, are you paying higher rates because of your credit score? Here are few

things to check:

- Check your insurance rates. Have they jumped recently? If so, your credit score could be the reason.
- You can check your credit scores with companies such as Equifax or TransUnion. If your score seems low, ask why. The agency might be able to suggest ways of improving it.
- Ask your insurance company if it uses your credit score as a factor in determining your rate. Not all companies do, so if you're not happy with the practice, shop around.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Banking Strict warning



Scotiabank CEO Rick Waugh, left, and director John Mayberry at the bank's annual general meeting in St. John's, yesterday. Waugh says Canadian banks could be weakened by stricter international regulations.

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Business in brief

MINING Shares in miner Centerra Gold Inc. were under pressure yesterday following political unrest in Kyrgyzstan, where it operates its key mine. The Toronto-based miner's stock tumbled more than seven

per cent in early trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange, losing 89 cents to \$11.10. The company said in a statement that operations at its Kumtor mine have been unaffected by the unrest.

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'It's adapt or die'

Strong loonie a challenge for businesses

The strong Canadian dollar is forcing businesses into an unhappy choice, says a new study — do the hard slogging and adapt, or do nothing and die.

With the loonie now expected to hover around parity for years, the Conference Board of Canada says firms that innovate, invest and go international will prosper, and those that don't — particularly manufacturers — will rust away.

The adjustment will be painful for both businesses and the Canadian economy, the think-tank says, but there is no longer any

Job losses

• UBS Securities estimates the loonie's rise since 2002 has hit exports by 14 percentage points, with a loss of 553,000 Canadian manufacturing jobs.

choice. "We're having a challenge right now that people are loving us to death," said report author Glen Hodgson, the board's chief economist.

"The world sees Canada as a safe place to invest. That's why we think, along with many others, that the dollar is going to be strong for a long time." For many businesses, "It's adapt or die," he added.

Some firms have begun

making the necessary adjustments, as reflected by an increase in foreign-based inputs and diversification in markets.

This week Statistics Canada noted Canadian exports to the United States dropped during the recession in 2009, but a closer look shows exports to the U.S. had been declining even before the recession.

Meanwhile, exports to other countries have risen 25 per cent since 2005, even counting last year's decline, while sales to China have kept going north, rising by 55 per cent in the past five years.

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Low interest rates likely here to stay

BANKING A new report from CIBC World Markets says that Canada's interest rates should remain "very low" by historical standards through 2011, even if the Bank of Canada raises rates this summer.

The report suggests that overnight rates will likely hold at around 1.25 per cent until the end of this year, and probably won't go any higher than 2.5 per cent by the end of 2011.

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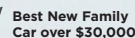


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The Dalhousie Tigers have added a couple of junior A recruits to their men's hockey program. Point-per-game forwards Dan Joyce of the Pictou County Weeks Crushers and Brad McConnell of the Camrose (Alta.) Kodiaks have made commitments. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Kirkpatrick leading Q

Former Dartmouth Subways star Michael Kirkpatrick, left, of the Saint John Sea Dogs is leading the QMJHL playoffs in scoring with 17 points in nine games. For more on Kirkpatrick, visit Metro's Q Files blog at www.metronews.ca/qfiles. **METRO HALIFAX**

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'A big mess right now'

PBL playoff picture in confusion after Capitanes reinstated

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The Premier Basketball League's playoff format is in disarray after a baffling turn of events late Thursday night.

A week after being kicked out of the PBL for a "blatant disregard for league rules," the Puerto Rico Capitanes have been mysteriously reinstated with just four games remaining in the regular season, altering a playoff picture that otherwise would be settled.

"They have been reinstated," Carrie Ann May, the PBL's director of operations, confirmed to Metro. "I can't go into details on it."

May deferred to PBL chairman of the board Severko Hrywnak and president Tom Doyle for an explanation. Neither had returned phone messages at press time.

Rainmen owner Andre Livingston, who said he spoke to Hrywnak late Thursday, said the Capitanes took the PBL to court and that a U.S. federal judge "ordered them back into the league effective ASAP."

Livingston said the Capitanes have agreed to "clear all debts" to facilitate their return to the PBL.

The Capitanes, 14-3, immediately move into a tie for second with the Rochester RazorSharks, 15-4, two games behind the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry, 17-2.



Halifax Rainmen guard Garry Gallimore goes up for a shot against Puerto Rico Capitanes centre Courtney Sims in a PBL game at the Metro Centre last month.

The Halifax Rainmen, 13-7, sit fourth and had already announced they would open the playoffs at the Metro Centre next Thursday. If the Capitanes had not been reinstated, the Rainmen would have faced two-time defending

champion Rochester in the best-of-three first round following the RazorSharks' 109-97 win over the now fifth-place Vermont Frost Heaves, 11-8, on Thursday.

But the date of the opener is now uncertain. Rainmen owner Andre Lev-

Rainmen injuries

• Injuries are mounting for the Halifax Rainmen, but it's possible nobody will be sidelined when the playoffs open. Scoring leader Tony Bennett (Achilles tendon), reserve small forward Jevohn Shepherd (ankle) and defensive ace Garry Gallimore (ankle) are all expected to be ready to play next week. Backup point guard Eric Gilchrese (hamstring/groin) is the only player considered questionable.

Livingston called the playoff situation "a big mess right now" and won't know more until a conference call with the league's other owners on Friday. The scheduling of the Capitanes' final three regular season games is also uncertain.

"I'm stunned," Livingston said. "I'm kind of upset something like this has happened because we're getting ready for the playoffs and everybody knows what's what."

Livingston speculated the playoffs could feature five teams, since the Frost Heaves have been operating under the assumption they have clinched a playoff spot. He also suggested the Cavalry could be given a first-round bye.



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Cole Harbour's Marc Cheverie is set to turn pro.

Cheverie to forgo senior year after signing with Panthers

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HOCKEY The Florida Panthers have signed Cole Harbour's Marc Cheverie to a two-year entry-level contract.

The 23-year-old goaltender, selected in the seventh round (193rd overall) of the 2006 NHL draft by the Panthers, will forgo his senior year of NCAA Division I hockey with the Denver Pioneers to turn pro.

Cheverie was named player of the year in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and was one of 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award as the nation's most outstanding player after leading the NCAA in wins (24) while posting a 2.08 goals-against average, .932 save percentage and six shutouts.

"He is a very talented

prospect who we believe will have a bright future in our organization," Panthers general manager Randy Sexton said.

"He has gained tremendous experience while playing at Denver and we look forward to his continued growth and development."

Sources told Metro Cheverie's deal is valued at \$1.7 million over two years at the NHL level, including \$170,000 in signing bonuses and the potential for \$212,500 in performance bonuses in 2010-11. He would earn \$62,500 at the minor-league level.

The Panthers have Tomas Vokoun and Scott Clemmensen under contract next season as well as minor-leaguer Alexander Salak. Unsigned Swede Jacob Markstrom was recently rated the second best prospect in the world by The Hockey News.

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PBL	W	L	PCT	GB
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Puerto Rico	14	3	.823	2.0
Rochester	15	4	.789	2.0
HALIFAX	13	7	.650	4.5

Vermont	11	8	.578	6.0
Manchester	6	14	.300	11.5
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Stevens re-ups for 12 years with Butler

Butler coach Brad Stevens, who came within a buzzer-beating shot of winning the NCAA men's basketball championship, has signed a 12-year extension. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Woods still has it

Tiger Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday, his best score ever on the first day of the Masters despite a five-month lay-off tied to a sex scandal.

Woods made eagles at the eighth and 15th holes — the first time he's had multiple eagles in a Masters round. Also, he had never started with a score lower than 70 until Thursday, when he put himself just two strokes behind the surprising leader, 50-year-old Fred Couples.

"Why play if you don't think you're going to win?" Woods said. "If I don't think I can win, I won't enter the event."

The world's No. 1 player is off to a good start for his fifth green jacket, and his score could have been even lower. He lipped out four putts.

Still, no complaints after being away from the game so long and enduring plenty of ridicule over his personal life, which fell apart after a November night car crash led to revelations of multiple extramarital affairs.



Tiger Woods hits off the first fairway during the first round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., on Thursday.

Even so, he heard nothing but cheers from the Augusta National fans.

"It was unbelievable, the whole day," Woods said.

"The people, I haven't heard them cheer this loud

in all my years coming here. It certainly helped keep my spirits up."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., the 2003 champion, shot a 1-under 71. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, centre, celebrates his first-period goal against the New York Islanders with teammates Pascal Dupuis, and Bill Guerin, right, during Thursday's game.

Crosby takes scoring lead, but 50th goal has to wait

NHL Sidney Crosby took the NHL lead with his 49th goal and became the third-youngest player in NHL history to reach the 500-point mark, leading the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 7-3 rout of the New York Islanders on Thursday in the final regular-season game in Mellon Arena.

On a night the Penguins brought back more than 50 of their former players, coaches and executives to celebrate playing in the arena since 1967, Crosby made certain there were a few more highlights before the building known as the Igloo shuts down.

Crosby was originally credited with his 50th goal of the season in the third period, but the goal was given to Bill Guerin after the game.

Crosby finished with four points — assisting on Guerin's two goals and another from Alex Goligoski — to give him 104 points for the season and 502 in his five-season career. The only players younger than Crosby (22 years, 244 days) to hit the 500-point mark faster were Wayne Gretzky (21 years, 52 days) and former Penguins star Mario Lemieux (22 years, 172 days).

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Carolina 5 Montreal 2
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Pittsburgh 7 N.Y. Islanders 3
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NBA

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 109 Cleveland 108
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Detroit 7 Kansas City 3
Oakland 6 Seattle 2
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox
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Fulham extended its remarkable European run by ousting German champion Wolfsburg on Thursday to reach the Europa League semifinals, where it will be joined by Premier League rival Liverpool. Bobby Zamora scored after 21 seconds to build on Fulham's first-leg lead and send the London club through 3-1 on aggregate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

BREWERS Pitcher Yovani Gallardo and the Milwaukee Brewers have agreed to a \$30.1-million US, five-year contract that could be worth \$42.5 million over six seasons. The agreement covers the right-hander's arbitration-eligible years and the first season after he would have become eligible

for free agency.

MLS Major League Soccer has increased the size of rosters from 24 to 26 per team to boost the signing of local "homegrown" players. The league said Thursday it will allow teams to sign homegrown players from their youth programs to Generation

Adidas contracts without those players having to go through MLS's annual draft.

BLUE JAYS Vernon Wells hit his fourth homer in three games as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied for three runs in the ninth against closer Frank Francisco to beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 on Thursday. Casey Janssen (1-

0) struck out the side in the eighth, and Jason Frasor got three outs for his second save in three chances as the Blue Jays took two of three from the Rangers.

NHL The NHL awarded the 2011 all-star game to the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday.

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True Olympic visionary steps down

FieldofPlay

Scott Russell

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News that Chris Rudge is leaving his post as head of Canada's Olympic movement is cause for reflection.

While the timing might be right for Rudge himself, his foresight and leadership will be sorely missed as Canadians rediscover their affection for an illustrious Olympic tradition. One thing's a given: We should all celebrate what Chris Rudge has been able to achieve during his more than seven-year tenure.

He came to the position of CEO of the Canadian Olympic Committee as a relative unknown in the world of high performance sport.

A former pro lacrosse player and high school teacher turned business executive, Rudge presided over halcyon days for the Games and the national consciousness.

On board in Prague in 2003 to guide the bid process when Vancouver acquired the 2010 Olympics, Rudge then secured additional public funding for both winter and summer sports and doggedly defended the ideals of Own the Podium.

No longer was it good enough for Canada to just take part in the Games, it must be a competitive nation.

There was, according to

Rudge, a belief that the rich province of Ontario had to make a more significant contribution to Canada's sporting prospects.

His support for and initiative behind Toronto winning the right to host the 2015 Pan American Games should not be overlooked.

The building of new infrastructure and a refreshed Canadian sports system is well underway thanks to Chris Rudge.

But it was the less tangible message that he delivered that is his ultimate legacy. Rudge was able to convince us that the Olympics and Canadian Olympic athletes are worthy of our respect and attention.

"Our kids," is how he refers to the Olympians. "It should always be about and for the athletes and everything else should flow from that." Rudge made sure that our Olympic heroes like Alex Baumann, Marnie McBean and Sylvie Bernier were put in positions where they could direct succeeding generations of hopefuls.

In short, Rudge had faith in the Olympic ideal if properly translated to Canadians. In that sense he was a visionary with a plan to get us back to where we belonged.

He never won a gold medal on his own but Chris Rudge was the leader who helped show our athletes the way.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Canada falls to Norway

CURLING Canada's Kevin Koe saved his worst round-robin game at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship for the best possible time.

Koe's Edmonton rink dropped a 9-8 decision to Norway's Torger Nergard in a game that meant little in the standings.

The victory clinched first place for Nergard (10-1), while Koe settled for second (9-2). The teams will meet

again in Friday's one-versus-two Page Playoff game, with the winner advancing to the final.

The loser will face either the U.S. (8-3) or Scotland (8-3) in the semifinal.

"I struggled out there tonight, it wasn't my best game personally," said Koe. "So it was a little disappointing, but that happens sometimes. We'll be OK for tomorrow."



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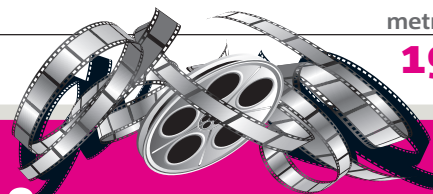
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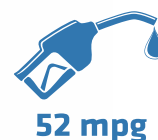
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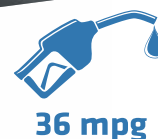


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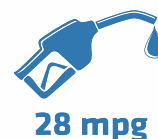
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'She's a fighter, she's a survivor'

Swedish actress admires the spunk of Lisbeth Salander

You can't read her p-p-poker face — and don't try figuring out her tattoo, either.

As Lisbeth Salander, the genius sociopath computer hacker of Sweden's phenomenal Millennium thriller trilogy of novels by the late Stieg Larsson, Noomi Rapace is like a cyber-punk Lady Gaga, minus the lust for fame.

Her nose, eyebrow, lips and ears are covered with piercings. A shock of black hair covers nearly half her face and a ring of spikes adorns her neck.

Then there's her full-back body painting, a mysterious icon that looks as if it were created in Satan's own needle den.

It's the main image of The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, the book and now movie (opening next Fri-

day) that introduced Lisbeth Salander to the world, creating a franchise that rivals Twilight and The Da Vinci Code for blockbuster sales and fan devotion.

The book has sold 30 million copies worldwide in 44 languages, more than 350,000 copies in Canada. The film, the first of three, has already grossed \$100 million (U.S.).

Everything about Salander only gets weirder, as does the Larsson series through the remaining volumes of the Millennium trilogy. The Girl Who Played With Fire and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest.



Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist star in The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo.

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo opens next Friday

How much of this is the punk, and how much is the real Rapace? It's a little bit of both, actually.

The self-taught Swedish actress, who successfully fought all comers to grab one of the hottest casting assignments of the 21st century, admits to having both an aggressive and a

"girly" side to her.

Her first name is pronounced "know-me," but that's hard to do.

"The piercings were real, but not the tattoos!" a laughing Rapace, 30, said from London.

"When I was 14 or 15, I had many interesting piercings and I was some kind of punk rocker. And I have al-

ways been on my own. I moved from my mother's and my stepfather's when I was 15 and have been taking care of myself since I was young. So I think that I'm also a survivor and I'm pretty stubborn."

Rapace began acting at age seven after taking a non-speaking role in a Swedish film. Her work

since then has been mostly on stage or TV, but her award-winning performance as a downward-spiralling teen mom in the harrowing 2007 Danish film Daisy Diamond added "movie star" to her many accolades.

Rapace is well known across Scandinavia — she gets stopped in the streets for autographs — but notoriety alone wasn't enough to land the role of Salander.

"I knew I could change into her, but I didn't think they could imagine how I would be able to transform myself. So I was very surprised when they called me and wanted me to come in and do an interview."

What is it, though, that made her want to play Salander, a character of such extremes? She commits acts of violence but she's also the victim of horrific brutality.

"I like the fact that she's a fighter. She's a survivor. She doesn't accept being a victim." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Harrison Ford has joined the cast of *Cowboys & Aliens*, director Jon Favreau has confirmed. Based on the graphic novel, the movie will see Daniel Craig, Ford and Olivia Wilde going up against nasty invading aliens in the old west. EMPIRONLINE.COM

Ford aboard *Cowboys & Aliens*

Reel Time

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Runaways rocks in style

The Runaways

Director: Floria Sigismundi
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★★★★

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

There's no denying that *The Runaways* broke open the doors for many-a-female rocker to walk through. In fact, it seems shocking that until 1975 there hadn't even been an all-girl rock act on the scene.

However outside of that eyebrow-raising factoid, *The Runaways* history is highlighted by little outside the conventional rock 'n' roll rags-to-riches-to-rags story. That's perhaps the biggest hurdle for the band's cinematic name-sake.

Directed by Canadian-bred music video wunderkind Floria Sigismundi, *The Runaways* stares down the brief band life of future I Love Rock 'N' Roll hitmaker Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and 15-year old singer Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning).

Surging with teenage sexuality and angst, each are misfits until they meet up through the music.

But as their band swiftly reaches stardom (they were actually huge in Japan),



Kristen Stewart, left, and Dakota Fanning find their rock soul in *The Runaways*.

drugs, booze and exploitation take its toll on young egos and identities.

Loosely adapting Currie's 1989 autobiography, Sigismundi has insisted she aimed to reveal an important coming-of-age story.

But that only causes one to question why she then excised a sexual abuse experi-

ence that was pivotal to Currie's motivations. Or, for that matter, why she focused instead on making *The Runaways* one giant music video.

To that end, *The Runaways* is a marvel. Stylish, slick and at a snappy pace, Sigismundi keeps the music raging and the nostalgia

flowing.

The film will gather fans of a generation of moviegoers who've grown-up distanced from the '70s but in the end, *The Runaways* celebrates the girls' music more than anything.

The central problem there is, how many songs of theirs can you name?



John Bell makes his feature film debut in *A Shine of Rainbows*.

A Shine of Rainbows offers simple pleasures

A Shine of Rainbows

Director: Vic Sarin
Stars: Aidan Quinn, Connie Nielsen, John Bell
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★★★★

KUMAR SAHA
 Metro Canada

You could call it predictable. But veteran Canadian filmmaker Vic Sarin's *A Shine of Rainbows* makes a virtue of its simple pleasures.

Take the storyline for instance. Based on a novel by Scottish writer Lillian Beckwith, the narrative re-

volves around eight-year-old Tomas (newcomer John Bell), who is picked up from a drab orphanage (is there any other kind?) by the resolutely maternal Maire O'Donnell (Connie Nielsen) and taken to her idyllic, rural home off the Irish coast.

Maire's opens her heart to the timid boy but her husband Alec (Aidan Quinn) rebuffs any efforts toward paternal bonding with an air of cold detachment. Of course, tragedy strikes and when it does, the limits of these newfangled relationships are tested in well-worn ways of your average family melodrama.

Sarin's symbolism is equally typical throughout the film, splashing shades of joy and uplift with rich reds and yellows and moments of despair with duller hues. In fact, the wardrobe choices for Maire — undoubtedly the film's beating heart — constantly reinforce the hopeful buoyancy of the film's title.

Most films would sink under the unbearable lightness of such PG-rated conventions. But, in this case, the breathtaking visuals of Ireland's Donegal County (Sarin also handled the film's cinematography) and the director's clarity of vision, however modest, lift *Rainbows* out of its own triteness.

Both Quinn and Bell give adequate performances but it's Nielsen who packs the punch, pushing the film beyond its several made-for-TV moments.

Like Sarin's previous film *Partition* (2007), *Rainbows* doesn't aim to dazzle.

It's just happy to shine a little feelgood light on you and your family.



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Tony Scott is looking to gather one hell of a leading trio for his next movie, crime drama Potzdamer Platz. If it all comes together, we could actually see the combo of Jason Statham, Mickey Rourke and Javier Bardem in one film. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Laughter in big city blues

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Richard Crouse

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Jack Lemmon played a hapless man caught in big, bad New York City in *The Out-of-Towners*.

If you've only ever seen New York projected onto a screen it's understandable that you may have a skewed idea of what the city is all about. Charles Bronson made a career of showing the city's down, dirty and dangerous side in the *Death Wish* films and *The Warriors* didn't exactly earn high marks from the NYC Tourist Bureau.

Even comedies frequently paint the Big Apple as a scary place. Sure, romantic comedies make the city look great but there is a tradition of setting hapless comedic characters loose in Gotham with predictably chaotic — for instance, see *After Hours*, a Kafkaesque Martin Scorsese trip through the mean streets of NYC — though funny results.

This weekend's *Date Night* sees two of television's funniest actors, Tina Fey and Steve Carell, as an average married couple who get pulled into New York's seedy underbelly after a case of mistaken identity.

It's a funny

premise that

breathes the same air as another forty year old film. Neil Simon originally planned to write the story of Gwen and George (Sandy Dennis and Jack Lemmon), an Ohio couple who experience the worst of NYC life, as a chapter in his Broadway play *Plaza Suite*, but as the tale grew to include a series of calamities — exploding manhole covers! Cuban protestors! — the playwright realized he needed a larger canvas and wrote it directly for the screen.

The Out-of-Towners (later remade starring Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin) set

the template for the indignant, put-upon NYC tourist comedy. In this story even the police sympathize with — and maybe even envy — the unlucky day-trippers. “You folks live out of town?” asks Officer Meyers. “Oh yes,” replies Gwen. “You’re lucky,” says the cop.

Gwen and George can't even catch a break when they flee the city. On the plane home they get hijacked to Cuba.

King Shadov, an exiled king played by Charlie Chaplin in *A King in New York* has better luck, but just barely. Shot in 1957 but

not released until 1973 because of its rapier jabs at American culture, the film follows a monarch who arrives in NYC only to discover his bank accounts have been drained.

Broke and on unfamiliar terrain he clashes with the American way-of-life, denouncing rock and roll, CinemaScope and Joseph McCarthy's communist hunt. It's one of Chaplin's best films and would make a great double feature with *Date Night*.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy *Alice In Wonderland*. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Chloe

REVIEW Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work. Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual *Scheherazade*, part *Single White Female* but is also his most straightforward movie in years. Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls “an extreme examination of how to eroticize a marriage.” There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this

country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

Richard Crouse/For Metro Canada

The Crazies

REVIEW The *Crazies* deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name. But the fiends in *The Crazies* are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed “Trixie.”

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine

REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, *Hot Tub Time Machine* is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. They decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke). Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with *Red Dawn*.

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Music

Friends in the right places

Slash gets help from Fergie, Ozzy and a range of other singers on his new album

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada



Aviator shades, tight black ringlets and a foot-high top hat?

It's gotta be Slash.

Having founded legendary rock acts such as Guns N' Roses (GNR) and Velvet Revolver — not to mention penning some of the genre's most enduring tunes — guitarist Saul "Slash" Hudson is an unmistakable fixture in the annals of pop culture.

Still, while discussing the release of his 14-track eponymous solo effort, Hudson admits that even after a quarter-century in the spotlight, he's still a wreck when the curtain rises.

"I have butterflies every time I get on stage, man," he smiles sincerely, noting

that such tension actually enhances his performances. "That kind of anticipation that makes you edgy; give it everything which is good, 'cause I think if (playing live) was like going to the bathroom for me, it'd be pretty boring."

Such apprehension is exactly what Hudson reveals culling inspiration from when creating his namesake record. Striving to break out of familiar confines without alienating fans, the album features an amalgam of his own inimitable sound/style and the voices of artists he felt best suited the riffs at hand regardless of background. End results range from the obvious (appearances by The Cult's Ian Astbury, Iggy Pop and Ozzy Osbourne) to surprising encounters with Black Eyed Peas chanteuse Fergie, mem-

bers of Maroon 5, Avenged Sevenfold and Kid Rock.

"If I made a wish list of singers, it would be endless. I just wrote the music and thought about who would sound great singing on it. A lot of people wondered how the hell it was gonna work," he declares, confessing that he was

one of them until hearing the final product. "It goes into certain directions but you don't get jerked into any particular style. I'm not forcing you to digest something you don't want to — I hope."

Then again, seeing as free lyrical reign was granted to each track's respective singer, Hudson realizes that maybe he is unwittingly imposing certain viewpoints. He doesn't mind though, so long as they're not offensive. To that extent, he notes finding a deep connection with Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale on By The Sword. Or so he thinks.

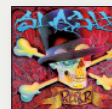
"I guess someone could have written something like when I

had to deal with (racially-tinged GNR track) One

In A Million back in the day and I would've been, 'Whoa!' But everybody did their own thing and I could relate to most of them personally, like Andrew's lyrics. (They're

Debut of Slash

• He's recorded with Guns N' Roses, Slash's Snakepit and Velvet Revolver in the past, but Slash's self-titled new album is the first true solo album of his career.



about carrying the torch for rock 'n' roll; dropping the bullshit and peripheral crap and forging forward for rock 'n' roll. That's what being myself is all about."

"Then again," he laughs, "I never talked to Andrew and I don't even know if that's what the song means...but that's what it means to me and that's all that really matters, right?"



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Music

Spring ushers in urban thump

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With the warm weather and the opportunity to sleep with open windows comes the return of the Urban Thump Machine, those cars with the 1000-watt subwoofers that can be heard coming six blocks away, usually at about 2:30 a.m.

Music and cars have gone together for more

than a hundred years. As far as anyone seems to remember, the first car radio actually predated radio itself. The Auto Wireless No. 1 was displayed at a fair in Missouri in 1904, more than two years before Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden figured out how to broadcast voice and music through the air. I'm guessing that it wasn't a big seller.

By the 1920s, it was possible to order a radio for your Chevy, but they were big, bulky, fragile things susceptible to spark interference from the engine, meaning the only way to actually listen to it was with the motor off — not a great selling feature for

an option that added more than \$200 to the price of a car that sold for \$800. Then in 1930, Motorola demonstrated the 5T71, a radio that could both operate while the engine was running and survive the rough roads of the day. Listening to the radio in the car took off.

In 1956, Chrysler brands offered an in-dash turntable — seriously — that played both the newish 45 RPM singles as well as special discs running at 16 2/3 RPM that could only be purchased from dealerships. But like the early car radios, they didn't work so well when the vehicle was in motion and were discontinued after

just one year. It wasn't until the 8-track appeared in 1966 model Fords that drivers had a reliable (well, comparatively reliable) format that allowed them to choose their own music while on the road.

The cassette player was a big improvement when it came along in the 1970s and reigned supreme until the 1990s when CD players became tough enough to withstand the harsh automobile environment. Meanwhile, the era of the in-dash cassette player has apparently ended. The 2010 Lexus SC430 convertible — apparently the last model from a major manufacturer to offer a cassette player as standard



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Entertainment in brief

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1. Slash, Slash
2. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber
3. Sticky & Sweet Tour, Madonna
4. Raymond v Raymond, Usher
5. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
6. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
7. The Show Must Go, Hedley
8. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas
9. Valleys of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix
10. One Love, David Guetta

COUNTRY

1. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
2. Recollection, k.d. lang
3. Freight Train, Alan Jackson
4. Fearless, Taylor Swift
5. Foundation, Zac Brown Band
6. American VI: Ain't No Grave, Johnny Cash
7. Lady Antebellum, Lady Antebellum
8. Hymns of the 49th Parallel, k.d. lang
9. Dance With Me, Johnny Reid
10. Play On, Carrie Underwood

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Music

Suge suing Kanye over 2005 club shooting

Former Death Row Records boss seeking more than \$1M

A rap music smackdown looms in a federal courtroom between oft-troubled impresario Marion (Suge) Knight and controversial star Kanye West over a shooting at a star-studded Miami Beach party.

Knight, founder of Death Row Records and promoter of some of rap's biggest acts, was shot in the right leg in August 2005 by a still-unknown assailant at the ultra-trendy Shore Club. West was hosting the party before the MTV Video Music Awards held that year in Miami.

No one has ever been arrested, and like many other shootings in the rap world, police found few witnesses although the club was packed with partygoers, including celebrities Jessica Alba, Eddie Murphy, The Black Eyed Peas and Paris Hilton. At least six shots were fired, police said.

More than four years later, Knight is claiming in a lawsuit that West and the Shore Club's owners failed to provide security necessary to keep out people with weapons.

Knight's attorney, Marc Brumer, said Tuesday that Knight had \$200,000 in medical bills from a gunshot that shattered his femur and will seek total

"He had an expectation of security there. How someone came with a gun into a very VIP party, that just doesn't meet the smell test in life."

Marc Brumer, Suge Knight's lawyer

damages of well over \$1 million.

"He's an icon in the music industry. He walks in a room and he lights it up," Brumer said.

"He had an expectation of security there. How someone came with a gun into a very VIP party, that just doesn't meet the smell test in life."

U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz has scheduled a Dec. 6 trial date in Miami.

West's attorney did not immediately return a telephone call Tuesday seeking comment. In court papers, West and the Shore Club ownership have denied Knight's claims of negligence.

The damages total includes a 15-carat diamond

mond earring valued at \$135,000 that Knight said came loose during the shooting chaos and was picked up by an employee who promised to return it. Knight doesn't know the identity of the employee but has never seen the earring since, according to court papers.

Knight claims in his lawsuit that it should have been obvious to West and the Shore Club that the party could produce a "dangerous environment" because of well-known feuds between East and West Coast rap figures that have triggered a lot of violence.

One of Knight's biggest stars, Tupac Shakur, was shot and killed in 1996 while riding

in Knight's car.

At the time, Knight was feuding with Sean Combs' Bad Boy label, and Bad Boy's top artist, the Notorious B.I.G., was gunned down months later in Los Angeles. Relatives of B.I.G. have accused Knight of involvement, but police have never named him a suspect.

"Prior to the party, defendants knew that it was critical to screen guests, employees and others entering the party premises for weapons," Knight's lawsuit says.

In fact, Knight said in the lawsuit that he and his entourage were patted down by security before they went inside, leading him to assume that was true for all guests.

Knight was one of the most powerful music figures of the 1990s. With superstar rappers like Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre and Shakur in his stable, plus Bloods gang members on his payroll, he made millions and enemies in equal abundance.

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Television

Scottish comedian stays true to his roots

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



COMEDY Most comics spend years performing, dreaming of the day they get booked on Letterman.

But for Scottish comic Danny Bhoy, his appearance last month on the Late Show with David Letterman came pretty much out of the blue.

"I'd been in the U.S. for months and haven't worked, and couldn't get even an opening slot anywhere," says Bhoy, who released his new DVD, Danny Bhoy: Subject To Change, this week.

"And for some bizarre reason, suddenly I get booked on Letterman, which is like the Holy Grail for a lot of comics. Here, I haven't done anything yet, and I've got the biggest gig in the U.S."

Not that Bhoy is exactly



Danny Bhoy

unknown. In Canada, and countries like Australia and New Zealand, he's a sought-after, headliner with a decade of sold-out shows on his resumé. Despite that world-hopping, Bhoy says his comedy act stays pretty much the same no matter which country he is in.

He claims that Scottish audiences rarely take offense at his hilarious at-

Just for laughs

• Danny Bhoy — Subject To Change hit stores this week and will be aired on the Comedy Network on Saturday, April 17.

• Bhoy's Canadian tour begins April 29 in Toronto.

• For more on Bhoy, visit his website at dannybhoys.com.

tacks on such local traditions as bagpipe music.

As successful as he's been so far, Bhoy has no plans to follow in the footsteps of a lot of stand-up comics and become an actor. "I don't want to act," he declares. I prefer doing what I do: Performing live. If I were to do my own show, it wouldn't be me playing a part. I'd just be myself."

Mark Salling finally gets a gleeful break

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For Glee star Mark Salling, winning the role of high school bad boy Puck was all about the hair — an attention-grabbing Mohawk that made him stand out from the crowd.

"That was my idea for the audition. I wanted to set myself apart," says the Dallas, Texas, native. "They (the producers) decided to stick with it."

Salling, 27, might want to rethink dumping the hair though. You don't want to mess with success. And let's face it, it's been nothing but success so far for the fledgling series — which recently won a Golden Globe for best comedy/musical.

The show's appeal also appears to have no cultural barriers. On this day, Salling is fielding interviews from reporters in Australia, Spain, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Mexico and Singapore.

Still, for Salling — an established singer/musician who plays multiple instruments — the show remains a challenge.



Glee star Mark Salling's attention-getting Mohawk was one of the reasons behind his casting on the hit show.

"I wasn't in the glee club in school. I did more the traditional rock band," he says. "Music has always been a part of my life. But I'm not a dancer."

Sometimes it is difficult. But that's why we have a great choreographer."

Salling doesn't see too much of himself in the character of tough guy Puck.

"At certain times I channel some of the douche bags I went to school

with," he laughs. "I expect they'll be trying to soften him (Puck) a little in the future."

As for his own music career — he's already released an album — Salling counts Radiohead and Coldplay as influences, which isn't exactly in keeping with Glee's musical songbook.

Still, Salling wouldn't turn down the opportunity to write a song for the show. "I try not to press it," he says. "But I would consider it an honour if it happened."

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- 1 pkg. (227 g) fresh mushrooms, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 egg whites
- 1 pkg. (300 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
- 1 container (475 g) part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 cup Kraft Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese, divided
- 1/3 cup Kraft 100%

Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.
HEAT nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat. Add mushrooms and garlic; cook 5 min., stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Beat egg whites in medium bowl. Add mushroom mixture, spinach, ricotta and half each of the mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; mix well. Spoon into manicotti shells.

PLACE in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; cover with pasta sauce. BAKE 40 min. or until heated through. Top with remaining cheeses; bake 5 min. or until mozzarella is melted.

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Television

American Idol contestant Michael "Big Mike" Lynche was spared by judges after receiving the least votes on Wednesday's show.

'Big Mike' saved by judges in American Idol shocker

IDOL Michael "Big Mike" Lynche didn't get the big boot on American Idol.

The soulful 26-year-old personal trainer and father from Queens, N.Y., was saved Wednesday by the judges on the ninth season of the Fox singing competition. Lynche was praised for his R&B take on Eleanor Rigby during Tuesday's performance show featuring tunes from the John Lennon and Paul McCartney songbook, but he still received the fewest viewer votes.

"We have decided we're going to see you next week," Simon Cowell declared.

The one-time-only power, introduced last season and previously used on piano-playing fifth-placer finisher Matt Giraud, allows the judges to save a contestant from being eliminated — if the panel unanimously agree — up until the round in which the show's top five finalists have been selected.

With Lynche safe this week, that means two contestants will be sent packing next week.

Joining Lynche in the bottom three were 25-year-old musician Andrew Garcia from Moreno, Calif., and 17-year-old high school student Aaron Kelly of Sonestown, Pa.

Garcia and Kelly both received lukewarm receptions to their respective renditions of Can't Buy Me Love and The Long and Winding Road. None of the men had previously been low-vote getters.

Idol host Ryan Seacrest teased the "shocking" results before revealing that 24-year-old musician Crystal Bowersox of Toledo, Ohio, 20-year-old glass blower Siobhan Magnus of Marstons Mills, Mass., and

17-year-old high school student Katie Stevens of Middlebury, Conn., were safe from elimination. Stevens had been in the bottom three for the past two weeks.

"I'm always nervous every week, so it doesn't really change," Stevens said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Oprah to make night move

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Daytime superstar Oprah Winfrey will be moving to nighttime to host a show on her new cable channel.

Oprah's Next Chapter, an hourlong show, will release Winfrey from the studio and her longtime talk-show format for conversations and travel around the world, the Oprah Winfrey Network announced Thursday.

The show is expected to be a key ingredient of

OWN, and guarantees Winfrey will regularly appear on the 24-hour network she'll be largely programming from behind the scenes. It will premiere in late 2011 after Winfrey ends her weekday syndicated talk show at the



Oprah Winfrey

close of its 25th season.

In other Oprah news, the four Canadian boys from MTV's The Buried Life are about to get a golden opportunity that wasn't even on their all-important list: the chance to sit on Oprah's couch.

Dave Lingwood, Ben Nemtin and Duncan and Jonnie Penn will be guests on The Oprah Winfrey Show on Friday.

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In brief

REALITY TV Reality star and supermom Kate Gosselin is launching a series that will profile everyday women facing personal challenges. Twist of Kate will follow Gosselin as she visits the homes and workplaces of her subjects, where she will exchange insights for living. The season will premiere in late summer, the TLC network said Thursday. The single mother of young twins and sextuplets, Gosselin will also revisit her family life for a series of Kate Plus 8 specials beginning in June.

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	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Buy Me	Agent-Agent		Property	For Rent		Makeover
	46	46	46	HIST	Ancient Weather (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect			Cities of the Underworld			Road to Perdition (2002, Crime Drama)
	17	17	17	MM	The Vampire Diaries		The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006, Action)						Muchmusic Countdown
	206	206	206	PIX	(5:30) The Mask of Zorro		The Silence of the Lambs **** (1991, Suspense)						Red Dragon *** (2002, Suspense)
	39	39	39	SHOW	How to Lose	About a Girl	ReGenesis			Accidental Friendship (2008, Drama)			Superbad
	40	40	40	SLUCE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of NYC			Real Housewives-Atlanta			Project Runway
	21	21	21	TLN	LA Ink (HDTV)		Hoarding: Buried Alive			Hoarding: Buried Alive			Hoard-Buried
	22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Prime *** (2005)	Romance-Comedy) Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman						Because I Said So (2007, Romance-Comedy)
	27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol		Amer. Funniest Home Videos			That's Weir Prank Patrol Survive This

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During an emotional episode of *Celebrity Fit Club*, Kevin Federline finally apologized to Shar Jackson for cheating and leaving her to be with Britney Spears. "I know I've caused you a lot of pain. I've been selfish," he said. **POPEATER.COM**

Going Out

Metro's **7th Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 MacGruber

TV Yet another Saturday Night Live sketch is being fleshed out for theatres, and to mark the occasion, one of the stars of MacGruber, Ryan Phillippe, is hosting SNL on April 17. Let's assume there will be a MacGruber — it opens in May — sketch on the show. This is, after all, cross-promotion at its best.



2 Clash of the Titans

FILM It seems the gods aren't so crazy after all — well, the studio executives at least. The remake of the 1981 movie debuted at No. 1 last weekend, taking in \$61.4 million during the three-day holiday period. The film's audience was roughly split, with 52 per cent taking in the 3-D version and the rest opting for 2-D.

3 Double Down

FOOD Kentucky Fried Chicken has introduced its latest culinary offering in parts of the United States, and it's a new take on bun-less. The new "sandwich" features two breaded pieces of chicken filled with cheese, bacon and mayonnaise. KFC says there are no plans yet to offer it in Canada.



4 Glee

TV Everyone's favourite group of singing students returns to TV after a brief winter hiatus. While the latest plot twists are of interest, we're more keen to see what songs the students of William McKinley High School will interpret this time.

5 Defendor

DVD Woody Harrelson's Hamilton and Dundas, Ont.,-shot superhero comedy Defendor flies onto store shelves on Tuesday. The film is about an everyman who, unlike that show-off Superman or fancy toy-carrying Batman, uses homemade gadgets to fight crime.



6 MGMT — Congratulations

MUSIC The Brooklyn band's new album, Congratulations, is officially out this Tuesday. Many of the songs from the new release are available on the band's website, whoismgmt.com



7 Dancing with the Stars

POP CULTURE The toe-tapping celebrity dance contest leapt over the wannabe-singers of American Idol in the ratings this week, marking the first time Dancing with the Stars has surpassed the juggernaut. Many are pointing to the polarizing Kate Gosselin as the reason for the show's recent success.

Mix of Six

Bigger Than Jesus

When: Friday through April 24
Where: Nepture Studio Theatre

This one-man show performed by Toronto's Rick Miller exciting multimedia and multiple characters to explore the thorny crown of Christianity through conflicting viewpoints. Visit nepturetheatre.com.

Lauchie, Liza and Rory

When: Through April 18
Where: Bus Stop Theatre

Based on the novel by Cape Breton born Sheldon Currie, the two-actor play tells the story of a man whose boring life quickly changes when he's introduced to a certain woman. easternfronttheatre.com.

Symphony Nova Scotia

When: Sunday, 2 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

The province's orchestra is taking to the stage once again with a performance featuring Symphony Sundays and Strauss and Suzanne. Tickets are available at symphonynovascotia.com and cost between \$29 and \$49.

Nova Scotia Amateur Bodybuilding Championships

When: Saturday, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

It will be chizzled chests, six-pack abs and biceps galore as the annual event. There are competitors showing off their physique in a variety of weight classes. Tickets are \$15 - \$30.

ULTimate VH-A Tribute to Van Halen

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

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12th Annual Spring Hobby Show

When: All weekend
Where: Shearwater Aviation Museum

Everything from military, ships to dollhouse miniatures LEGO will be on display. General admission is \$3 per person and families for \$10.

Polanski attorneys say prolonged case is assault on system

Roman Polanski's lawyers have filed a last legal volley in a California appeals court, saying that the 33-year-old sex case and its lengthy delays have been an assault on the state's judicial system.

The attorneys said in papers filed Tuesday that the court should order an investigation of judicial misconduct in Polanski's original case and that the Oscar-winning filmmaker should not have to pay for it — an

indication that he is running out of funds.

Polanski was arrested six months ago on a fugitive warrant from Los Angeles and is under house arrest in Switzerland. The 76-year-old has mounting debts and no way to earn a living while in custody, his attorneys said.

The defence made their latest plea in response to arguments from prosecutors who say Polanski must return from Europe to face

sentencing. The defence argued that the director should be sentenced in absentia to time served. The papers were filed in the California 2nd District Court of Appeal.

"It is unjust for a defendant's constitutional rights to be held hostage to the district attorney's office's outright refusal to investigate the misconduct in which it was involved," said the defence brief.

Most of the 24-page filing

was a recitation of facts that have been raised repeatedly by the defence since they first went to court seeking Polanski's freedom. They contend the now deceased judge committed misconduct in the case.

Polanski, the director *The Pianist* and *Chinatown*, fled the U.S. in 1978 after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl.

He had served part of a

90-day period in prison ordered by the judge for a "diagnostic study." His departure was prompted by the judge's private statements that he planned to renege on the agreement that the study would be Polanski's full sentence, according to documents filed in the case.

The original prosecutor in the case recently gave closed door testimony to that effect, the lawyers have said.

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Director Roman Polanski's lawyers are asking for an investigation of judicial misconduct.

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Moore thinking about having kids

In an interview with UK's Elle, actress Demi Moore reveals a long-running battle with unhealthy body image issue — and her hope to procreate with husband Ashton Kutcher. "We talk about it and it's something that we would like," Moore tells Elle. **POPEATER.COM**

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TV helping to lead food debate

Top chefs like Oliver are getting North Americans to focus on healthy eating habits

Jamie Oliver is using fresh fruit and vegetables to try to win the hearts, or at least the fatty arteries, of a West Virginia city. Rachael Ray is working to reform school lunches. And Paula Deen, queen of Southern-fried goodness, recently taught an auditorium of kids how to cook and eat healthy.

Chefs have always wanted us to eat something good. Now, it seems they're just as interested in seeing that we eat well.

"They're digging down to more substance, which is great because we all win," says Phil Lempert, the food marketing expert known as The Supermarket Guru. "Before it was cleavage and being cute to get noticed. Now it's all about substance, nutrition."

This didn't happen overnight.

Pioneers like California chef Alice Waters and, more recently, journalist Michael Pollan have been preaching the gospel of fresh, unadulterated food for years.

But when everyone from Deen to Dancing With the Stars alum Rocco DiSpirito is talking about the benefits of produce over processed, you know the tent has grown a little bigger.

"It became clear to a



British chef Jamie Oliver is trying to get people in the U.S. to eat healthier in his new TV show Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution.

bunch of us that not only is it a good idea now, but people are ready to be receptive," says DiSpirito, author of the recent New York Times' bestselling healthy cookbook, *Now Eat This!*

That's partly because the rock-star status TV chefs en-

joy gives them an entree into American kitchens that previous proponents of healthy eating lacked, notes Lee Schrager, founder and organizer of the annual South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

Oliver, for example, is

headlining Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, an ABC reality show documenting his efforts to change eating habits in a community the network calls the nation's unhealthiest.

Chefs are realizing they have a responsibility to use their influence to foster change, Oliver says. And celebrities often can do that with more panache than traditional nutrition advocates have.

"You don't want to food Nazi the fun out of everything," he says. "You can still cook great things that are calorific, but you just need to intro it with kind of — Look, this is a special occasion, or this is for the holidays, or whatever."

Snappy titles and glamorous stars are new tactics for the eat healthy movement, which in the past has been perceived, fairly or not, as fun-deprived. Even Sesame Street is reaching for star power. The program recently named Art Smith, Oprah Winfrey's former chef, as its healthy eating adviser.

"It's becoming less elitist," says nutrition and policy expert Marion Nestle,

who credits first lady Michelle Obama's championship of healthy eating with helping take the issue mainstream.

Deen agrees. "We work on unimimidating foods that mothers and dads can put together pretty easily," she says.

A tipping point in the debate seems to be child obesity, the focus of Obama's campaign. A nation that can gaze with equanimity at racks of XXL clothing for grown-ups has grown less tolerant of needing "husky" jeans for five-

year-olds.

Oliver, in the early episodes of his new show at least, has made some converts but also had pushback from people who don't take kindly to an out-of-towner overhauling their diets.

But, he says, it's an effort worth making.

"One doesn't want to suck the life or fun out of food because that would be wrong. But, you know, I think the general world of food — chefs, celebrity chefs, fast-food industry, supermarkets, the 'government food gang' — they all need to do a bit. Hopefully, a bit more than a bit. And if they do, the world will change."

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Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution
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10 p.m. on
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Itzin excited for return as 24's bad boy Logan

VILLIAN During its breathless, ticktock eight-season run, 24 has given viewers numerous delights, apart from Jack Bauer's crazy knack for staying alive.

The audience for this rambunctious Fox thriller fondly recalls President David Palmer, a black man in the White House who may have helped normalize that concept for white voters in 2008. Meanwhile, everyone adores computer whiz Chloe O'Brian, an indispensable if cranky colleague of Bauer's in the Counter Terrorist Unit.

But no one on 24 can overshadow Charles Logan, the former chief executive who commanded the fifth season as scoundrel, boob and treasonous schemer. Deliciously played by Gregory Itzin, President Logan stayed busy at his waffling, coverups, secret deals with terrorists, even an implicit role in Palmer's assassination — all of it done (as Logan never tired of saying) "in the best interests of the

country."

Ultimately thwarted by Bauer (series star Kiefer Sutherland), Logan resigned and was placed under house arrest.

But in TV drama as in the real world, disgraced politicians don't necessarily vanish. They hatch a way to rehabilitate themselves (or their image, at least), then re-enter the arena.

So hail to President Logan in the person of Itzin, who returns for Monday's episode, then continues through the remainder of this season.

Day 8, which was recently pronounced the last. Midway through a season be-

ries fatigue and ratings erosion, he could be the spark to send off 24 in a fitting blaze of glory.

"It's pretty nifty to be invited back to this groundbreaking show and be part of how they wrap up the story," Itzin was saying last week over breakfast at a Times Square hotel.

This season's crisis du jour focuses on a global peace accord gone sideways, with a threat to nuke Manhattan and the webcast execution of a key Mideast leader thrown in.

Logan, no stranger to

plights (especially those of his own making), is brought in to consult with President Allison Taylor.

"I'm a little more of a pragmatist, a realist," said Itzin, meaning his presidential alter ego. "President Taylor needs somebody to whisper in her ear and take her to the dark side, because she's such a good person. She's such a straight arrow."

His 24 stint began in the fourth season, as three episodes that featured Logan grew to nine. He dominated in the fifth season, then returned briefly for the sixth, when Martha, his former first lady, tried to stab him to death.

Itzin said since then he had been lobbying 24 executive producer Howard Gordon for an encore.

"Right about the time that I told myself, 'This borders on begging,' Howard said, 'You know, a couple of the writers have been talking ...'"

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Caine backs UK Tory plans to help youths

Actor Michael Caine offered support Thursday for a U.K. Conservative Party proposal of a civilian service program — drawing on his working-class roots to appeal for help for disaffected youths.

The two-time Oscar winning actor appeared on the same stage as U.K. opposi-

tion leader David Cameron to support the National Citizen Service.

"You may think to yourself 'what the hell is he doing here, why is he here?'," Caine said after being introduced by Cameron at a news conference. "I'm here because I'm a representative of all those youngsters

that have been forgotten in this country."

A supporter of Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s, Caine had been won over by former Prime Minister Tony Blair in Labour's sweep to power in 1997.



Michael Caine

He said last year he would support Cameron, and arguing no party should serve more than two terms in office.

The program offers two-month summer social activities such as looking after the elderly. The

Labour Party also has proposed a program aimed at young people.

Caine said he was able to pull himself up from unfortunate circumstances — though he acknowledged times had changed. Young people need a second chance, he said.

"What I had was a loving

family, a loving father and an education," he said. "And what I didn't have — I didn't have drugs and I didn't have guns."

"You have now a very, very hard core of people who we've got really to save, and that's what attracts me about this."

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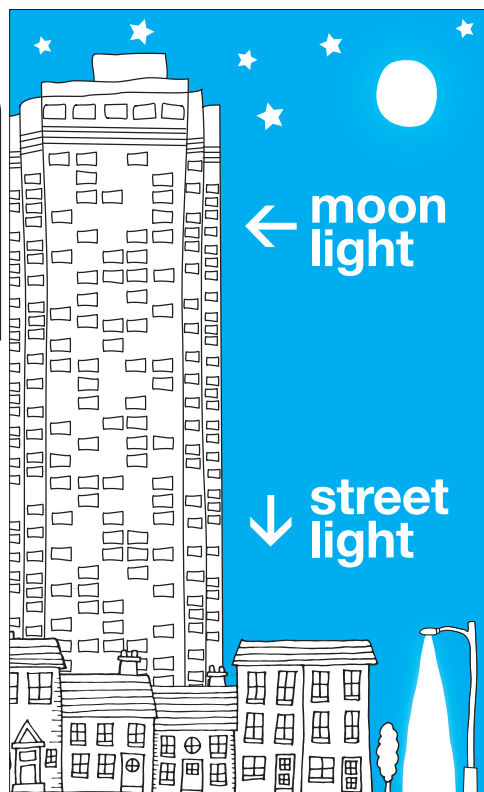


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Celebrity Buzz

James breaks silence on sex tapes

CHIVALRY: NOT DEAD, JUST MORTALLY WOUNDED Jesse James is speaking up for the first time since his public apology following the outbreak of his cheating scandal. This time, James tells People magazine that there are no sex tapes out there featuring him and estranged wife Sandra Bullock.

"The claims of sex tapes are untrue and completely fabricated," James says. Bullock denied the rumor earlier this



week, and James also seems to be commenting on a claim by one of his alleged mistresses that she has around a dozen tapes featuring the Monster Garage star.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fergie dishes out diet tips

PLUS MY COLONICS, PERSONAL TRAINER AND SPA VACATIONS Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie has come up with several tactics to keep herself from overeating, she admits to Elle magazine. "There are



times I play mind tricks on myself, like that the french fries are poison," she says. "With desserts, I'll let myself have just one bite, but I'll look like a freak when I'm eating it, like when I did Duncan Hines commercials as a kid, just savoring every morsel."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Shania to debut comeback series on Oprah channel

GNAW YOUR HEART OUT, MUTT First came heart-break, then a second chance at love. Next up for country superstar Shania Twain? Her own TV series, people.com reports.

Twain, 44, will star on Why Not? With Shania Twain, an hour-long series premiering on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network.

"The show will follow (Twain) as she begins her climb back to the top, a personal journey filled with risk, revelations and unexpected adventures," says a statement from the network.

This won't be Twain's first foray in front of the



camera since her marriage to Robert "Mutt" Lange fell apart in May 2008 over his relationship with her then-friend — and employee — Marie-Anne

Thiébaut.

The country singer has posted several personal videos on her Web site in recent months, chronicling her world travels, fun times with her son Eja, 8, and her blossoming romance with her boyfriend Frédéric, who is Thiébaut's ex-husband.

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Cage homes seized by bank

TIME FOR ANOTHER NATIONAL TREASURE SEQUEL, NIC

It's been a bad week in the world of real estate for Nicolas Cage. The actor lost property in Malibu and an estate in Bel Air to the bank, which put them up for auction Wednesday, according to TMZ. The only problem is no one bid on them, and they are now property of the bank. Bidding started for the pair of plots in Malibu at \$10 million, while the bank was seeking at least \$11 million for the Bel Air mansion.

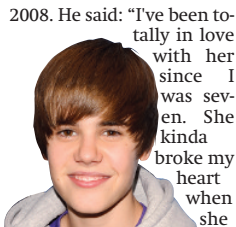
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Bieber: Beyonce broke my heart

MY WEE, PRE-PUBESCENT HEART Justin Bieber claims Beyonce Knowles "broke his heart," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old singer has had a crush on the hit-maker for years and admits he was devastated when he learned she had married long-term boyfriend Jay-Z in April



2008. He said: "I've been totally in love with her since I was seven. She was kinda broke my heart when she

married Jay-Z."

Despite his sadness at her marriage, the singer got the chance to meet his idol at this year's Grammy Awards.

Recalling the encounter, he said: "It was amazing. I was a little nervous but I told her she was very good-looking. Actually she's super hot." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Whitney out of Paris hospital, 'feeling great'

SHE'S NOT RIGHT, BUT SHE'S OK

Whitney Houston is out of the hospital and feeling fine, she insists to People magazine after being treated in Paris for a respiratory infection. "I'm feeling great. I'm just ready to move on and continue my world tour," she says. Houston's hospitalization and the subsequent canceling of several European gigs prompted speculation that the singer's past troubles with drugs had resurfaced, but Houston shrugs off the "ridiculous" rumors, saying, "At this point, I just don't respond. I don't even read it."

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Dina Lohan blasts ex-hubby's new engagement

HOW DARE HE TAKE THE ATTENTION OFF ME! OH WAIT ...

Dina Lohan isn't too impressed with the news that Michael Lohan is engaged to former Star magazine reporter Kate Major. "It's certainly a marriage made in tabloid heaven," Dina tells Radar Online.

"I mean, Kate dated Hailey Glassman's ex, Jon Gos-

selin, then she's best friends with Michael's ex Erin, and now she's engaged to Michael. It all sounds a bit incestuous to me." But that's not all Michael's ex-wife takes issue with. "Where he's finding money for engagement rings and weddings I don't know," she adds. "He's nine months behind in his child support."

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Swayze widow grieving, but hopeful

STAY STRONG Patrick Swayze's widow says her grief over his death feels like she has been set on fire, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Lisa Niemi admits she is still struggling to come to terms with life without the actor — who died of cancer aged 57 last September — but is hopeful her pain will ease eventually.

"I have a myriad of feelings. Some are extreme,

some are a general malaise, sometimes it's like someone has poured gasoline on me and set me on fire," she said. "I just have to have faith that one day it will



turn around."

Despite her sorrow, 53-year-old Niemi — who was married to the Dirty Dancing star for 34 years — believes she will find love again one day. "It's hard to imagine but I hope at some point. I hope I'm not one of those widows who never have another relationship. This thing has tested my faith and belief. I've learnt that life isn't fair."

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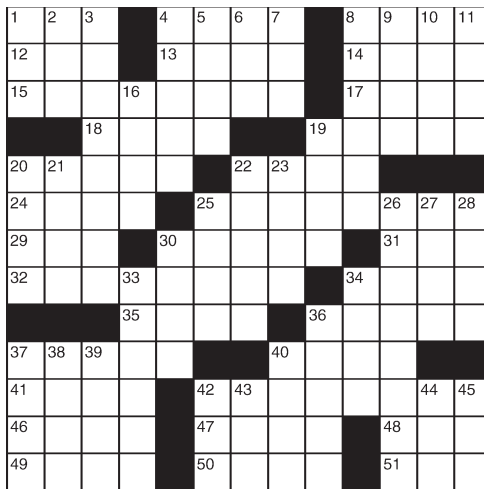
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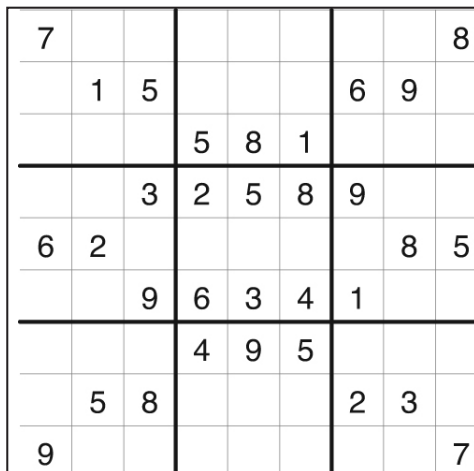
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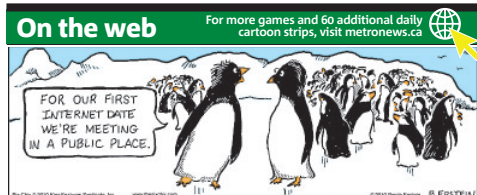
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.comFor Sally's expanded daily and weekend horoscopes, visit metronews.ca

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You are in one of your devil-may-care moods at the moment and that's good because the more risks you take the more you will achieve.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
The cracks in a relationship have got too wide to paper over, so it's time to make a decision about its future.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Certain people may be annoyingly obstructive but there is nothing they can do to stop you reaching your target.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Nothing happens by chance. The things you are experiencing now are largely the result of the thoughts and feelings you had in the past.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you want to impress those you live and work with just be yourself. There is no need to pretend you know more than you do.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Others may say you lack ambition but the fact is you cannot be bothered to take certain things seriously. There is more to life than money and getting ahead.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
If someone annoys you today you will let them know in no uncertain fashion that their actions and opinions mean nothing to you.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
If an offer falls short of what you expect today you are advised to reject it and move on. They obviously don't value your true worth.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be a while before you can expand your horizons fully but there is still plenty you can do to make life more interesting.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Whatever your duties and commitments may be you must still find time to do the things that you enjoy. Whether or not they are useful is beside the point.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you continue to work behind the scenes you will accomplish something that not only brings you happiness but impresses some very important people too.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
Try not to be too critical of other people's efforts today. No doubt you only want to help but a colleague's or loved one's confidence is fragile.

Metro Recipe of the Day



Minted Asparagus and Pea soup

INGREDIENTS:

250 g asparagus spears
1 tbsp olive oil
2 shallots, chopped
175 g potatoes, peeled and chopped
150 g frozen peas
2 2/3 cups vegetable stock
small sprig of fresh mint
4 tbsp Greek-style yogourt
40 g toasted pine nuts

METHOD:

1. Snap off any woody ends from asparagus stalks at point where they break easily. Cut off tender tips and reserve. Roughly chop remainder.

2. Heat olive oil in large, heavy pot and add shallots, chopped asparagus and potatoes. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 6-8 minutes or until

tender.

3. Reserve handful of peas and add remainder to pot with stock and mint sprig. Cook for few minutes if potato is not quite tender. Season, then tip into food processor or blender and process to smooth purée. Return to pot.

4. Blanch asparagus tips and reserved peas in pot of boiling water 2 minutes. Drain. Bring soup to boil, then stir in blanched asparagus tips and peas. Ladle into bowls. Swirl spoonful of yogourt on to each and scatter pine nuts over top.

SERVES 4

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